

## Successful Transitions through Supportive Services

On January 30, 2009, in collaboration with the Literacy Cooperative, the Northeast ABLE Resource Center hosted a networking session for adult literacy providers. Six representatives from local college access programs, community and technical colleges, as well as vocational training centers presented services that they offer to assist students in making a successful transition to a post-secondary institution.

It is reported that over 40 percent of post-secondary students are adult learners; however they are far less likely than traditional students to attain a degree. Research shows that supportive services, such as financial aid assistance, career and academic counseling, mentors and tutors increase a student's ability to persist. The presentation sought the opportunity for participants to strengthen linkages to higher education and increase effectiveness in promoting next steps with students.

The session was a great success with rave reviews. We would like to thank each of the six presenters for sharing their resources. All 31 participants received brochures and catalogs for their classrooms. Additional brochures and information can be found on the websites below or may be requested by contacting the individuals or organizations directly.

Presenters:

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